

Approximately 50 m from this nest Mel Ogola located a second pair of Gambaga Flycatchers which also had a nest.

These breeding records appear to be the first for East Africa but Pearson, Lewis & Turner (1980) stated that "The Lerata [Isiolo area] observations, however, are indicative of breeding at some time between March and September 1979." although there was nothing to suggest that breeding had taken place in Kenya.

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Wing-flicking and vocalizations of wheatears *Oenanthe* spp.

Miskell (1991) reports a buzzing vocalization for *Oenanthe phillipsi* and states that "as far as I know, no *Oenanthe* species has been reported to make a buzzing sound accompanied by wing-flicking." However, wing-flicking is a common habit of *Oenanthe* spp. when agitated (see Cramp 1988, Tye in press). The buzzing sound reported by Miskell appears to resemble the begging call used by older nestlings of many wheatear species (Cramp 1988, Tye in press) which has been reported to be used by adult Northern Wheatears *O. oenanthe* when attacked or threatened by the more dominant Isabelline Wheatear *O. isabellina* in Senegal (Tye 1988). As this is a comparatively quiet call, it may have been overlooked in other wheatear species, and may be a common expression in situations of anxiety or threat. Although the buzzing call has not been previously reported explicitly to be given accompanied by wing-flicking, wing movements (flicking, shivering) did accompany it in the Northern Wheatears in Senegal (pers. obs.) and, given that wing-flicking and the buzzing call are both given in response to stress, it seems likely that they would often be given together.

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